



January 12, 2011

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
235 Cannon Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Henry Waxman
2204 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for Honorable Bobby L. Rush

Dear Leader Nancy Pelosi and Honorable Henry Waxman,

I write to express our support for Representative Bobby L. Rush to be the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet ("CTI"). The Computing Technology Industry Association ("CompTIA") based in Downers Grove, Illinois, represents over 2,500 IT companies throughout the United States. Our members are at the forefront of innovation and provide a critical backbone that supports broader commerce and job creation. These members include major computer hardware manufacturers, software developers, technology distributors, and IT specialists that help organizations integrate and use technology products and services. Public policies should not pick technological winners and losers. Instead, public policies should foster environments whereby the best technological solutions prevail in the marketplace.

Representative Rush has served Illinois admirably with regard to the IT industry. He has served on the Energy and Commerce Committee for fifteen years and thus, he has a deep understanding of the issues and challenges facing the IT marketplace. His experience working on the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and numerous other IT focused legislation demonstrates Representative Rush's ability to work across party lines and among divergent stakeholders. He has shown himself to have expert knowledge on the issues and an even-handed and measured approach.

As an IT trade association we understand how difficult it is for IT companies to stay competitive in an ever-evolving marketplace for new products and services. We also have a keen understanding of the policy decisions that are needed in order to spur new IT jobs for our economy. We look to the CTI Subcommittee as a key venue to fairly hear and act on the concerns of the industry and work with us to craft legislative solutions when needed.

For all these reasons, we urge you to support Congressman Rush's candidacy for Ranking Member of the House Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet. While CompTIA supports Rep. Rush, we respect your decision-making process and will work constructively with whoever is selected as Ranking member of the

Subcommittee on CTL. Notwithstanding, we are confident that if he is elected to this very important role he will serve with distinction with a focus on protecting consumer interests while also looking for opportunities to spur technological innovation and competition in the IT marketplace.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Thibodeaux', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Todd Thibodeaux,
Chief Executive Officer